

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, October 5, 2015

The Center of Clayton – Multipurpose Room C

Members present: Joanne Boulton, Cynthia Garnholz, David LaGesse, Missy McCormick, Jeanne Most, Becky Patel, Eric Schneider and Melanie Tamsky

Absent: Jenaro Centeno, Maripat Gatter and Mark Stapleton

Also Present: Patty DeForrest, Wayne Dunker, Dan Krewson and Toni Siering

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the September 9th meeting were approved as written.

Addresses from the Audience:

Mr. Schneider recognized members of the Mayors Youth Advisory Council in the audience.

Open Space Needs Analysis:

Andy Franke from Planning Design Studios, Inc. provided the Commission with an update on Open Space Needs Analysis, which will be an addendum to the 2007 Parks Master Plan. Ms. DeForrest noted that this analysis was funded by a Municipal Parks Grant. The group discussed changes to the presentation (attached) including:

- listing a definition of each of Clayton's current parks
- not listing specific target areas for parks in Downtown Clayton, but a general statement of "provide parks as described in the Downtown Master Plan as development occurs"

Mr. Schneider asked what the City could do to improve connectivity between parks. Mr. Franke noted that there was not a specific recommendation in this analysis for connectivity, but that could be accomplished with street paint and traffic light signalization.

A motion was made by Becky Patel to recommend including the Open Space Needs Analysis as an addendum to the 2007 Parks Master Plan, with the discussed changes. Motion was seconded by Jeanne Most. Motion approved unanimously.

Taylor Park Design:

Mr. Franke reviewed the proposed improvements for Taylor Park. Ms. DeForrest noted that the total cost of the improvements is approximately \$400,000. As reported previously, staff intends to apply for a Municipal Parks Grant to fund the project; the cost to the City would be approximately \$20,000 (5% of the total project cost).

A motion was made by David LaGesse to recommend to the Board of Aldermen the improvements as proposed in the Taylor Park Master Plan and the application of the Municipal Park Grant for funding. Motion was seconded by Jeanne Most. Motion approved unanimously.

Director's Report:

Ms. DeForrest reported that staff is currently preparing Shaw Park Ice Rink to open for the season. Scheduled improvements are underway, which are expected to total approximately \$125,000. Ms. DeForrest noted that the Parks and Recreation Commission would revisit future Ice Rink plans starting at the December meeting. Ms. McCormick inquired if a new committee would be formed. Ms. DeForrest asked the Commission for input if a new committee was needed since the plan would be to essentially use the prepared design without a roof. Alderman Boulton wondered if the design would need to be revisited since it was voted down by the citizens. Ms. DeForrest noted that she believed the group had conducted over a year of design work, so a total review may not be warranted.

However, design specifics would be reviewed at a later date. Ms. DeForrest noted that Jacobs could return to revisit the design and cost at a meeting in the near future. Mr. LaGesse noted that he would like to revisit the entire plan. Ms. DeForrest noted that there would continue to be community feedback during design development.

Ms. DeForrest reported that the Clayshire Neighborhood meeting recently brought up the desire for an entrance to Anderson Park from Clayshire. Ms. DeForrest noted that this could be considered in conjunction with the MSD project in the park.

Ms. DeForrest reported that the City closed on the purchase of the property adjacent to Hanley Park. The current homeowner is expected to occupy the residence until the beginning of January. The Commission is expected to discuss future plans for the property at its January or February meetings.

Ms. DeForrest reported that topics for the November meeting will include the Parks Capital Plan, as well as Youth Sports registration process. Please forward any questions to Ms. DeForrest regarding youth sports registration so that staff can prepare responses for the meeting.

Old Business / New Business:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm

Respectfully Submitted By: Toni Siering